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SUBJECT: HAITI AND THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY: FOURCAND'S DISMISSAL

REF: PAUP 635 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. HAITI'S CONTINUED DESIRE TO JOIN CARICOM, IRRESPECTIVE OF SERGE FOURCAND'S DISMISSAL MARCH 8 AS GOH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, IS REFLECTED IN A LEAD NOUVEAU MONDE EDITORIAL APRIL 2 ON CARICOM ENTITLED "THE HOPE OF THE ANTILLES." HAITI HAD BEEN INVITED TO NEGOTIATE ASSOCIATION WITH CARICOM, ACCORDING TO NOUVEAU MONDE, BUT THESE TALKS WERE DISCONTINUED WHEN CARICOM LEADERS LEARNED OF THE GOH CABINET RESHUFFLE IN WHICH "THE PRINCIPAL INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THEM AND THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN REPLACED BY ANOTHER CITIZEN." NOUVEAU MONDE SAID THAT THE GOH HAD MADE KNOWN THROUGH INFORMAL CHANNELS THAT IT WAS PRESIDENT DUVALIER WHO DETERMINED
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AND INSPIRED GOH FOREIGN POLICIES, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN ALTERED

BY A MERE CABINET CHANGE. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOW URGENT TO MAKE THE SAME POINT OFFICIALLY, AND TO REVIVE THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WERE "INTERRUPTED BY AN ACCIDENT ALONG THE WAY."

2. THE EDITORIAL REVIEWED FAVORABLY THE TRANSITION FROM THE PERIOD OF CARIFESTA AND CARIFTA TO THE MORE SERIOUS REGIONAL POLITICAL/ECONOMIC GOALS OF CARICOM, PARTLY REFLECTED BY ITS INCLUSION IN THE EC ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT SIGNED AT LOME LAST FEBRUARY, AND BY ITS COORDINATION WITH THE PREEXISTING CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY AIMS. IT NOTED THAT THE BANK AND CARICOM INTEND TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED NATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN, AND PREDICTED THAT AS A WHOLE THE CARIBBEAN NATIONS, THANKS TO CARICOM, ARE ON THE THRESHOLD OF AN ERA RICH WITH HOPE AND FULL OF PROMISE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST CLEAR PUBLIC INDICATION THAT THE GOH INTENDS TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON FOURCAND'S INITIATIVE TO ASSOCIATE HAITI WITH CARICOM. IT OBVIOUSLY WAS MEANT AS A SIGNAL THAT DUVALIER'S GOAL OF OPENING HAITI ECONOMICALLY TO THE WORLD WAS STILL KEYED ON THE HOPED-FOR LINK WITH CARICOM, WHOSE EC ASSOCIATE STATUS HAS MADE IT ESPECIALLY ATTRACTIVE SINCE THE EC REJECTED ON NOVEMBER 12, 1974 HAITI'S LAST MINUTE BID TO BE INCLUDED IN THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT (EC BRUSSELS OF NOVEMBER 14, 1974). EDITORIAL'S SEEMING ENDORSEMENT OF CARICOM'S THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC POLITICS SUGGESTS THAT, AT LEAST FROM THE GOH VIEWPOINT, THE "JAMAICAN CONNECTION" REGARDING PRIMARY PRODUCER POLICIES SHOULD CONTINUE (PAUP 1960 OF OCTOBER 3, 1974). END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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